Remarks:

This preliminary amendment is being submitted in an effort to correct informalities and provide improved translations of certain wording in the initial application, and to present claims in proper U.S. claims idiom. The changes are not made for any reason related to the statutory requirements for a patent nor do they narrow the scope of the claim for any reason related to the statutory requirements for a patent.

All of the changes are properly supported in the original application. No new matter has been added.

An early action on the merits of the application is solicited.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

Respectfully submitted,

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